

REMARKS

Preliminary Matter - New Correspondence Address

As a preliminary matter, the present application has been transferred by Applicant to the undersigned's new law firm for continued prosecution. A Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address has already been filed.

Request for Continued Examination

Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in connection with this application. Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application, acceptance of the amended and new claims is respectfully requested. It is believed that the amended and new claims will place the application in condition for allowance.

Election/Restriction

By amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 16-18, 20 and 22-28 as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Continued Examination – Claim Rejections Under Section 103

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Tran for the courtesy of a telephone interview with the undersigned on June 15, 2004. During the course of the interview, the Examiner indicated that, *inter alia*, providing inner and outer panels that are "detachably connected," for example as illustrated in Figures 7-9, did not appear to be taught or suggested by the cited prior art. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the independent claims to include such a clarification.

Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to include, *inter alia*, the feature that the plastic support structure extends both longitudinally between the first and second longitudinal ends and laterally between the first and second lateral ends of the inner and outer panels. In addition to failing to teach or suggest an assembly with an inner panel, an outer panel, and a support structure that are comprised of plastic, as noted in the Applicant's prior After-Final submission, Presto actually *teaches away* from such a combination. Moreover, nowhere do Hellenkamp or Presto teach or suggest providing a plastic support structure that extends as claimed.

Further, Hellenkamp and Presto fail to teach or suggest an assembly wherein the outer panel and the inner panel are detachably connected.

Thus, Hellenkamp, taken singly, or in combination with Presto, fails to teach all the claim limitations of Applicant's claimed invention as required under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Accordingly, claims 1 and 21 include patentably distinct subject matter. It is respectfully submitted that since claims 4-15, 19 and 29 ultimately depend from independent claim 1, claims 4-15, 19 and 29 are also allowable for at least the same reasons.

New claim 30 includes, among other things, the feature of a plastic support structure extending both longitudinally between a first and second longitudinal end and laterally between a first and second lateral end of inner and outer panels — the outer panel and the inner panel being detachably connected. As stated above, neither Hellenkamp nor Presto, whether taken alone or in combination, teach, disclose or suggest such an assembly. Accordingly, claim 30 comprises patentably distinct subject matter and should be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this correspondence. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209372-81449, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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